(c) if not, by when the scheme would be made operational; and

(d) the launch status of other passenger-friendly services by Railways, like bundling of hotel service alongwith train ticket bookings?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) to (c) The required software for putting the upgradation scheme of passengers is under development and the scheme will be implemented when the software is ready.

(d) There is no proposal at present to make hotel booking while booking the train ticket.

Dioxins in eggs

*48. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI:
DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an NGO called "Toxics Link" has reported that eggs produced in the country contain high level of dioxins which is a poisonous chemical;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter; and

(c) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) Samples of free-range chicken eggs collected by a Non Governmental Organization, "Toxics Link", from a source in close proximity to the medical waste incinerator of the Queen Mary's Hospital, Lucknow were reportedly found to contain dioxins, which may cause adverse health effects.

(c) Adoption of proper techniques to manage waste leads to avoidance or minimization of the release of dioxins and their entry into food chain.